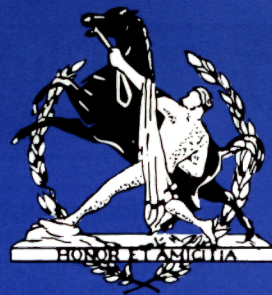


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Younger blood elected to Club Committee

Two candidates from the Young Members' Group, Anthony Berkman and Ian Gowrie-Smith, have been elected to the Club Committee for the 1987 financial year, the Club Chairman, Tony McSweeney, told members at the annual meeting on June 11.

They take the places of John Hickey, who had been on the committee for 14 years and Peter Twigg, who also retired at the annual meeting.

Richard McPhail, who was unopposed for the position of Treasurer, takes the place of David Dransfield, who retired after 10 years on the committee and has now been awarded Life Membership of the Club.



Anthony Berkman

He said that in addition to the introduction of half yearly payment of subscriptions, the club was considering payment of the entrance fee by instalments.

Tony paid tribute to the three retiring members of the committee and thanked officials of the subsidiary clubs and the Young Members Group and the Staff of the club for their contributions to the betterment of the club during the past 12 months.



Richard McPhail, Club Treasurer

Tony McSweeney was unopposed for the Chair.

There were 1,150 votes cast in the ballot, six of them informal. The full result of the election was: Norman Rogers, A.V. Miller, J.R. Hoyle, B. McHugh, K. Upton, A. Berkman, N. Amy and I. Gowrie-Smith. Keith Abrams and Jeffrey Woollard were also candidates.

In an overview of the club's activities during the past year, Tony McSweeney said the club was seeking advice on the conduct of a membership campaign.



Ian Gowrie-Smith

Bas Phillips is Sportsman of the Year

Former President of the Ski Club, and current Vice President, Basil Phillips, has been named winner of the Tattersall's Club Sportsman of the Year Award.

Bas received the Award at the Younger Members Group Luncheon from the Leader of the State Opposition, Mr Nick Greiner, who was Guest of Honour at the lunch.

Bas' fellow skiers nominated him because he has been involved with the ski club, most of the time as an official, since 1968, and for many years has ensured by his efforts and

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Dates for the Diary

Bowls Club Annual Meeting.

Function Room, second floor, Friday, July 4, 12.30pm.

Epicureans theatre and dinner night. "Cats" at the Theatre Royal, Thursday, July 24. 6pm pre-dinner drinks, followed by dinner in the dining room and a stroll to the theatre for 8pm curtain up.

Cost: \$50 per person not including pre-dinner drinks. Bookings through Joanne at the office.

Ski Club Men's Week. Werruna, Perisher Valley, July 19 to 26. Deposit \$250 with reservation to Joanne.

Ski Club Family Week. Roslyn Lodge, Thredbo, September 6 to 13. Bed, breakfast and dinner including wine, six nights, expected cost \$300. Bookings through Joanne.

Tattersall's Horse Owner of the Year. To be announced at the club, September 1.

Tattersall's Plate Race Meeting. Randwick, September 6. Will also feature Subaru Chelmsford Stakes.

Golf Fixtures. The Lakes, July 10; New South Wales, August 12; Manly, October 2; Australian, October 16; Royal Sydney (Championships), December 5.

Young Members' Luncheon. Monday, September 8. Guest, Prof. Geoffrey Blainey.

Club plans to be put before members

The Fire Ordinance Notice served on Tattersall's Club resulted in six different refurbishing plans being considered, Tony Miller, Chairman of the Club Building Committee, told the annual meeting on June 11.

They included total redevelopment, with or without adjoining sites; sale and relocation elsewhere; merging with another similar club; spending \$2 million on building the fire stairs as required and totally renovating the club to 1988 standards of amenities.

Only the last alternative was viable, Tony said, due to such constraints as height limitation and plot ratio, and cost. For instance, the installation of fire stairs, with no improvements in the amenities, would have sent subscriptions soaring to \$700 a year with no increase in the value of the club building as an asset.

Tony said: "The building holds an aura that could not be duplicated or even repeated in a new building and therefore consideration was given to bringing the building into future decades by streamlining, new decor, placement of areas and services in a more efficient and economical layout whilst maximising commercial leasing areas.

"Major additions will provide unique new services, but still maintaining the traditional image.

The aim is to preserve the land and building ownership totally within the club's control." Tony said that to test the concept, preliminary and detailed plans were prepared and a Development Application put before Council and approved. The next step will be to send a detailed brochure on the proposals to all members so that they can express opinions on the proposed development and indicate their commitment to enable the project to proceed.

"It is practical to build, it will be thoroughly supervised by expert professionals at a firm quote, and most importantly, the proposal is almost ready to be placed before financial institutions to confirm their acceptance in principle," Tony said. "The proposal to be presented to you is strongly recommended by your committee as it appears the only viable proposition for the club's future existence."

Tony concluded by saying that the present club house had been secured by only 1,000 members for a price equal to \$10 million today.

"It is now in the hands of the present members to use their foresight and make their commitment if it is their wish to ensure the club is still a major force in the City of Sydney for generations to come."

Too many chefs ...

Although losses were reduced in the club catering activities during the last financial year, the number of meals served on the second and fourth floors were down and "the fourth floor dining room was not helped by having four Executive Chefs during the year," the retiring Club Treasurer, David Dransfield, stated in his report to the annual meeting.

David was unable to attend the meeting and his report was read, as one of his final duties for the club, by the Manager/Secretary pro tem, Mr Norman Smith.

The Treasurer reported that all the trading departments had either reduced losses (catering and athletics) or improved profitability (bars, bedrooms, poker machines and property income) although the final surplus, \$1,540, was only marginally higher than in 1985 (\$1,503) after provisions for general repairs and Ordinance 70 renovations.

"It must be quite obvious to members that we need usage of the club," David wrote. "Careful attention by Management to expenses in the ensuing year is vital and a strong effort from the Catering Division is required to further reduce the catering loss (\$58,622 in 1986)."

Pool Splashes

As the season draws to a close, likely winners and place getters in the point scores are beginning to appear.

At June 5, with only two events to be contested before the championships, the point scores stood as follows:

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| Silver Sharpe Trophy | | George Beynon Trophy | |
| Ted Joye | 202 | Mal Holecek | 12½ |
| Mal Holecek | 181 | Ric Glover | 10 |
| John Barrell | 170 | Ted Joye | 8 |
| John Ward | 166 | Mike McCormack | 7 |
| Mike McCormack | 165 | Geoff Cowen | 6½ |
| Ric Glover | 160½ | Alister Lugsden | 6½ |
| Dave Robinson | 160½ | Andrew Torok | 6 |
| Col Tidy Trophy | | Beirne/Ranger Trophy | |
| Ric Glover | 161 | Terry Forrest | 14½ |
| Terry Forrest | 159 | Geoff Cowen | 13 |
| John Barrell | 154 | Alister Lugsden | 12 |
| Alister Lugsden | 147 | Rob Farrell | 9 |
| Geoff Cowen | 137 | Garry Wilson | 7½ |
| Mike McCormack | 134 | | |

Best winning times recently over 40 yards were Rob Farrell 19.3, John Barrell 20.1, Garry Wilson 20.6, Alister Lugsden 20.7, and John Nicholas 20.7.

Over 80 yards the best were John De Mestre 40.4, David Fuller 42.5, Garry Wilson 46.0, John Nicholas 47.0, and Tony King 47.6.

Sam Block has left for a well-earned holiday at Dorriggo. Not so many motor cars up there Sam, but watch out for the timber jinkers.

Sportsman of the Year

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energy that the annual ski weeks are "truly special occasions".

"Day in and day out on the slopes Bas will be skiing, mostly leading a group down the mountain," his fellow skiers wrote in their nomination of Bas. "Those struggling will always find Bas willing to slow down and spend hours encouraging and fostering the special comradeship which exists within the ski club." In spite of his spinal fusion, Bas, at 55, is regarded as ahead of most skiers of any age and this year finished second in the Tattersall's Club ski races.

Other Club sportsmen nominated for the Award were John Ward (Swimming), Ken Glass (Handball), Kevin Simmonds (Golf) and Eddie Charlton (Billiards and Snooker).

Bas takes over the Award from Jim Williams of the Bowls Club.

The rules of the Award state that no club member can win it more than once. The criteria for the Award include, of course,

enthusiasm and a contribution to Tattersall's Club as well as excellence in sport.

The sporting subsidiary clubs have to provide what amounts to a sporting curriculum vitae on their nominees, plus any other information which will help the club committee to make its choice.

This may include areas such as the nominee's attendance at the sporting subsidiary club's events and whether he represented city, state or other teams in his own field of sport during the year.



Basil Phillips

No ticket, No start

All members are requested to help the club committee over the next few weeks by making a point of carrying their membership ticket in their wallet.

The Club Licensing Act is very strict on the requirement that only financial members and their guests be allowed to use the facilities of licensed clubs, and for this reason the committee has been compelled to act in the case of members who either failed to pay their subscriptions, or are now extremely late with their payment.

Any member who has inadvertently overlooked this year's subscription can still remedy the position by payment now, but in order to protect the club under the Club Licensing Act, members may be asked to show current membership cards during their visits to the club during the next few weeks.

The position the club finds itself in was emphasised at the annual meeting on June 11, where a new rule was passed empowering the committee to impose an administration charge of 10% on accounts overdue more than 60 days from the end of the month in which the account is incurred.

This penalty will be backed up by the power to impose a further financial penalty and a caution, suspension of membership or expulsion from the club if necessary in cases where accounts remain unpaid after 90 days.

The meeting also formalised the right of members to pay their subscriptions in two half yearly amounts in advance.

Club joins entertainment and sports network.

Club members will soon be able to see top class international sporting and entertainment events at the club, even though they are never broadcast by Sydney's five television stations.

These top shows, which may include United States and British horse racing classics, world championship title fights and shows by top artistes from leading theatres around the world, will be beamed directly from the AUSSAT satellite to a 2.4 metre dish antenna mounted on the club roof.

Special coding and decoding devices will ensure that the signal can only be used by New South Wales registered clubs, which like Tattersall's, have joined the Club Superstation Network.

The Club Committee decided at its meeting on May 26 to join the network, following a submission on the project from the club's new General Manager, Mr Andrew Grecian.

Club Superstation, which is being launched by the Western Australian television network headed by Mr Robert Holmes a Court, will begin its service in New South Wales on August 23.

In addition to such exclusive sporting events, such as the proposed Geoff Fenech title defence, which will not be shown on public television, Club Superstation will have access to the programmes of the leading United States cable TV network, ESPN.

Local sporting events to be covered will include golf, bowls, football, tennis, sailing and snooker.

Racing, initially from New South Wales only, but later from other states as well, will be broadcast live, both on weekdays and at the weekends. There will also be "specially selected sporting events from the ABC". The service will run at least 15 hours a day and part of the agreement with the sponsors includes the provision of a video cassette recorder so that the club may tape "small hours" broadcasts for replay over the club's television sets at more suitable times.

In the first four weeks of operation, Club Superstation will be running "Lucky 8-Spot Sweepstakes" games with a cash prize of \$50,000 and other prizes including a car, a boat, fur coats and overseas travel.

Initially, the programmes will be shown on a new 26" stereo television set to be installed in the club. A permanent "home" for this entertainment will be incorporated into the plans now being prepared for the club renovation.

Andrew Grecian points out that for special events, a large screen and projection TV set can be hired to enable large audiences to watch in the club room. If the club renovation includes accommodation for country members and guests, then this new TV network can be "piped" direct to each room. In his submission to the committee, Mr Grecian said he thought Club Superstation would assist the club's drive to make Tattersall's more attractive to younger members and would also help the club attract patronage from interstate and country visitors, who seek entertainment as well as accommodation on their visits.

"It could be the biggest event for clubs since poker machines," says Mr Grecian. "It is designed to attract members into their clubs and encourage them to stay there longer." Club Superstation is believed to have attracted 1,100 clubs as members in New South Wales and will cost Tattersall's \$3,000 to install and \$5,000 a year rental.

Rotary moves, honours Anne

Tattersall's Functions Organiser, Anne Colley, was honoured by the Sydney Rotary Club at their June luncheon, the last they will be holding in the club for some months.

Rotary has held its lunches at the club for over nine years, but now has to break for a few months due to the proposals to renovate the building. The First Floor Club Room will be out of action later this year if members approve the renovation proposals which are now approaching finalisation (see Tony Miller's report to the annual meeting).

Rotary was faced with moving immediately because it had the chance to move its meetings to the N.S.W. Leagues' Club.

However, it is understood Rotary was very sorry to go and hopes to return as soon as the restoration

project at the club is completed.

At the last lunch, Anne, who has looked after the functions for over three years, and the Head Functions Waitress, Irene, were both thanked and applauded for their work and Anne was invited to attend the lunch as the Guest of Honour.

BOWLS DATES SET

The Bowls Club has announced the dates for the interstate matches in 1987, for which Sydney Tattersall's will be the host club.

Interstate Programme April 5, Reception (6pm) at the club; April 6, City Bowling Club, 9am; April 7, City Bowling Club, 9am; April 8, Race Day; April 9, City Bowling Club, 9am; Dinner, Tattersall's Club, 7pm.

PRICEY, BUT ...

Neville Amy apologises for the high cost of the forthcoming night at Cats, which is due to the price of theatre tickets. Bought over the counter, they have risen to \$40 each this year.

However, since the three previous outings to the show were all crowded, the Epicureans feel members and friends might like another opportunity to catch the show.

Ski Weeks full — but ask anyway

Tattersall's skiers opened the season's activities with a good roll up to the buffet and ski movie night on May 23. Between 30 and 40 members and friends enjoyed the excellent catering and the camaraderie that has become a feature of this opening event.

In the absence of Ski President Graham Smith, Secretary/Treasurer Anthony Berkman welcomed skiers and their friends and introduced the two excellent ski movies.

Among the regulars who attended were Bas Phillips, Peter Burrows, Rick McPhail, Peter Perry, George Andrews and Peter Evans.

The two main events in the snow — Men's Week at Perisher and Family Week at Thredbo — each have the full house sign up. The change of date from July to September for Thredbo has returned this event to its former popularity. Intending skiers should not be put off by the maximum entries for these outings as there are always last minute cancellations.

The big question being asked by all associated with the ski industry is — what sort of a season is it going to be? — or from a skier's view — is my week going to have good snow? Many skiers become concerned when the opening of the ski season over the June long weekend fails to produce good snow. With the exception of the odd bumper year, good snow is rarely available before early to mid July. Any downhearted Tattersall's skiers

can take heart; both our weeks in 1986 are sure to be as successful as always.

The controversial ski tube was to be in operation for the 1986 season, providing transport from below the snow line in the Thredbo valley to a new terminal at Perisher. Geological Problems in building the tunnel have caused delays and the project will now be ready for skiers in 1987.

Perisher skiers this year will have the use of a quad chair which replaces a triple chairlift in the valley. This should help to eliminate the frustrating queues that have become a way of life in Perisher. Lift tickets will be \$30.00 per day this year.

The Ski Committee wish all Tattersall's skiers the best of luck for a great 1986 season.

SEND THOSE SURVEYS

Have you returned the survey form included at the back of the May issue of Tattersall's Magazine? Please do. It is very important for the committee and bodies such as the Young Members' Group who are planning the club facilities and activities for the future to know what members think, what they want and what they believe should be done.

It is even more important at the present time when the club is about to undergo renovations which will set the mould for the club facilities for perhaps the next 30 years.

Swimming Pool upgraded

The club swimming pool has recently been upgraded by the appointment of a water quality consultant who is responsible for seeing that the pool water is in top condition at all times.

Keen swimmers immediately noticed the difference after the consultant began his work and there has been enthusiastic feed-back from many members using the third floor. The general report is that the pool "looks better and feels better to swim in". The first step taken was in mid May, when the pool was emptied and refilled. At the same time the filter mechanism was cleaned and upgraded.

Members of the staff received instruction on checking the water Ph factor (acidity or alkalinity) and chlorine content, and these tests are now carried out four times each day, with the pool chemical content adjusted as necessary.

Each month, water samples are tested in a laboratory.

The upgrading of the pool water and care has been a project of the club's Assistant Secretary, Frank Beament, himself a keen swimmer.

Brochure on Club amenities

To help members - particularly new ones - who may not be aware of all the club's facilities, the Younger Members' Group has suggested the production of a club brochure, detailing what Tattersall's Club offers, and also setting down the "conventions" of the club eg facilities available to ladies visiting Tattersall's.

However, an expensive brochure cannot be produced immediately due to the changes likely to be required as the renovation takes place.

The club management is undertaking the production of a simple four page brochure which will cover the ground as fully and as inexpensively as possible as a stop-gap until the club facilities have undergone the various changes being considered and a more permanent booklet becomes practical.

CLUB MEMBERS HONOURED

Club members Max Liberman and Murray Gleeson QC both received awards in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Max became an Officer in the General Division of the Order of Australia and Murray received an Order of Australia.

Sportsman of the Year luncheon



Michael McCormack, first Tattersall's Sportsman of the Year, left, with State Opposition Leader, Nick Greiner and Alan Walker, originator

of the award. The Club Committee recently voted to provide a Club Trophy worth \$200 for the award.